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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.28 million cattle on feed on November 1, up 3 percent from last year and 7 percent above November 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into feedlots during October totaled 660,000 head, up 10 percent from 2004 and 3 percent above 2003. Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 310,000 head, down 5 percent from last year and 2003. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head compared with 5,000 head during October 2004 and 10,000 head during October 2003.

Dear Producers and Data Users:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone, and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses that provided data to make these reports possible.

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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 1 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on November 1, 2005. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2004 and 4 percent above November 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.80 million, 3 percent above 2004 and 1 percent above 2003. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 head during October, 12 percent below 2004 and 43 percent below 2003.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

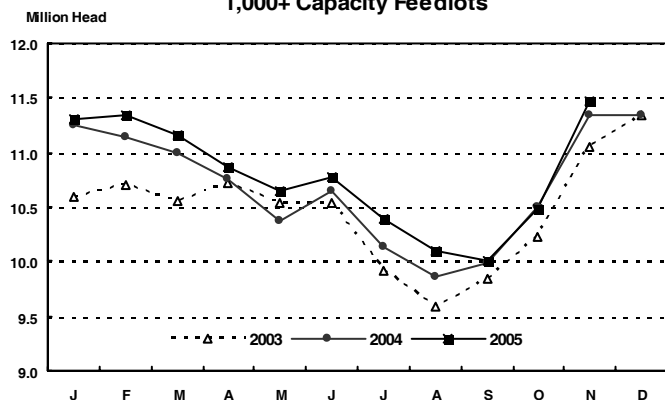
State	November 1 Number on Feed ¹			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance ²		
	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	321	325	101	48	35	73	21	27	129	4	1	25
California	525	545	104	70	64	91	59	50	85	6	4	67
Colorado	1,090	1,030	94	260	290	112	185	155	84	5	5	100
Idaho	305	290	95	78	76	97	47	55	117	1	1	100
Iowa	430	475	110	125	131	105	68	65	96	2	1	50
Kansas	2,400	2,410	100	570	580	102	375	400	107	15	20	133
Nebraska	2,210	2,280	103	600	660	110	325	310	95	5	10	200
New Mexico	134	141	105	29	22	76	29	16	55	2	1	50
Oklahoma	360	360	100	87	79	91	64	53	83	3	1	33
South Dakota	169	161	95	65	68	105	38	35	92	1	2	200
Texas	2,880	2,970	103	650	670	103	520	520	100	20	10	50
Washington	185	163	88	43	34	79	37	23	62	1	1	100
Other States	325	325	100	76	86	113	35	35	100	1	1	100
United States	11,334	11,475	101	2,701	2,795	103	1,803	1,744	97	66	58	88

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

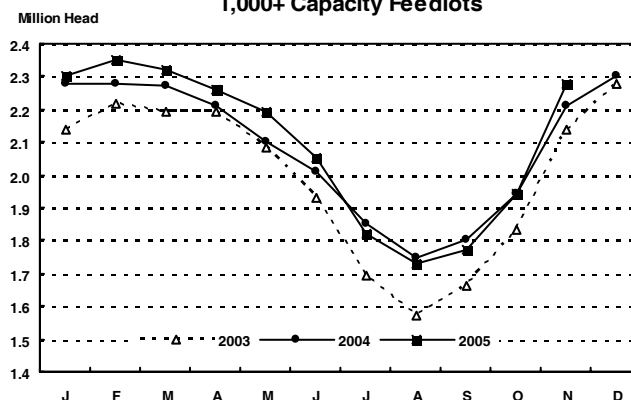
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, November 18, 2005.

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

State	During October									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
<i>1,000 Head</i>										
Colorado	85	75	65	65	50	65	60	85	260	290
Kansas	175	170	165	175	130	130	100	105	570	580
Nebraska	187	220	189	200	103	120	121	120	600	660
Texas	215	185	200	205	155	200	80	80	650	670
Other States	250	230	145	145	91	85	135	135	621	595
United States	912	880	764	790	529	600	496	525	2,701	2,795

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed November 18, 2005.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

October 2005 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 2004 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 2005 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
October 2005 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	Oct. 2005 Percent of	
		Oct. 2004	Sep. 2005
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	569.3	97	96
Hogs, head	625.3	99	101
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	593.1	98	98
United States			
Cattle, head	2,677.9	98	96
Calves, head	56.4	90	93
Hogs, head	9,117.1	102	103
Sheep & Lambs, head	228.5	95	99
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,925.1	100	100

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, November 25, 2005.

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United
States, October 2005 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Oct. 2005 Percent of	
		Oct. 2004	Sep. 2005
1,000 Lbs.			
Total red meats	903,356	102	101
Beef	439,309	97	100
Pork	443,858	105	103
Poultry	1,219,192	96	99
Turkey	423,457	90	89
Chicken	791,484	99	105

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, November 22, 2005.

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, October 2005 with Comparisons**

Item	2004	2005	2005/2004
	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	12.0	11.9	99
United States	345.1	344.0	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	269	271	101
United States	6,569	6,599	100
Chickens Hatched, September			
United States			
Egg-type	34.9	35.4	101
Broiler	756.9	776.3	103

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, November 22, 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2004-2005¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,044	8,083	1,624	1,640	13,061	13,258	102
February	8,051	8,076	1,531	1,519	12,329	12,270	100
March	8,059	8,095	1,661	1,702	13,387	13,779	103
April	8,063	8,109	1,636	1,683	13,194	13,647	103
May	8,064	8,121	1,692	1,757	13,641	14,266	105
June	8,083	8,132	1,607	1,686	12,988	13,712	106
July	8,096	8,145	1,623	1,681	13,143	13,692	104
August	8,102	8,157	1,601	1,667	12,970	13,595	105
September	8,104	8,157	1,533	1,594	12,426	13,005	105
October	8,103	8,161	1,583	1,636	12,824	13,353	104
November	8,102		1,531		12,404		
December	8,097		1,610		13,037		
Annual	8,081		19,232		155,404		

¹ 2005 revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, November 16, 2005.

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, October 10-16, 2004 & October 9-15, 2005 ¹

Selected Regions and United States, October 15-16, 2004 & October 9-10, 2005										
Region ²	Hired Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
	Field				Livestock		Field & Livestock			
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>							
Lake	72	72	9.77	10.35	9.06	9.96	9.51	9.49	9.20	9.80
Cornbelt I	47	50	9.98	10.10	9.40	9.88	9.40	8.68	9.40	9.57
Cornbelt II	22	29	9.72	11.16	9.00	9.21	9.38	10.89	9.16	10.02
Northern Plains	44	35	9.76	10.12	9.70	10.14	9.00	9.37	9.50	9.86
Southern Plains	44	64	9.34	8.38	8.44	7.60	8.68	7.84	8.53	7.68
Mountain I	29	29	8.84	8.91	8.25	8.26	8.62	9.27	8.40	8.55
Mountain II	19	22	9.40	8.75	8.32	7.94	8.95	8.39	8.56	8.14
United States	851	840	9.32	9.61	8.62	8.90	8.91	9.14	8.69	8.96

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ² Regions consist of the following states: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 18, 2005.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates, Selected States and United States, 2004-2005^{1,2}

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
Colorado	9.73	9.04	9.14	8.09	9.09	8.32
Illinois	10.21	9.87	9.26	9.15	9.34	9.12
Indiana	9.31	9.19	8.69	8.81	8.59	8.73
Iowa	9.64	10.72	8.49	8.88	8.94	9.87
Kansas	9.35	9.71	8.64	8.35	8.75	9.10
Michigan	9.40	9.79	8.32	8.56	8.65	8.88
Minnesota	10.93	11.05	10.13	10.70	10.02	10.49
Missouri	9.29	9.48	9.01	9.12	8.95	9.07
Nebraska	8.94	9.21	8.60	9.00	8.65	8.81
North Dakota	9.85	10.46	9.89	10.51	9.78	10.42
South Dakota	9.44	9.08	9.02	8.32	9.07	8.74
Wyoming	7.16	8.15	7.01	8.14	6.69	7.48
United States ³	9.23	9.50	8.45	8.69	8.56	8.83

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ² Annual rates are averages of the wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October. ³ Excludes Alaska.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 18, 2005.

Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 113, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.8 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 1 point (1.0 percent) while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for eggs, oranges, potatoes, cucumbers, and cattle. Lower prices were received for lettuce, dairy, hogs, broilers, and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of

commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of dairy, cattle, cotton, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and sweet corn.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) from November 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 119, increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from last month but decreased 3 points (2.5 percent) November 2004.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary November 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		November 2004 ¹	October 2005 ¹	November 15, 2005	November 2004 ¹	October 2005 ¹	November 15, 2005	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 3.38	\$ 3.42	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.36	32	\$10.60
Corn	Bushels	2.13	1.82	1.85	2.05	1.82	1.79	25	7.10
Oats	Bushels	1.56	1.44	1.45	1.51	1.59	1.46	35	4.22
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.04	2.76	2.70	3.06	2.99	2.81	24	11.60
Soybeans	Bushels	5.18	5.72	5.60	5.36	5.67	5.68	33	17.20
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	51.00	46.00	47.00	88.70	97.70	91.70		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	51.00	47.00	47.00	95.20	106.00	97.50		
Other, Baled	Ton	50.00	44.00	45.00	73.50	76.50	76.30		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	23.60	16.90	16.00	25.90	18.80	18.90	35	53.80
Hogs	Cwt.	56.60	49.00	46.90	55.60	47.00	44.70	39	114.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	56.80	49.20	47.10	56.10	47.30	45.00		
Sows	Cwt.	47.30	41.40	37.80	45.20	41.70	37.70		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	88.80	94.80	96.60	85.40	91.10	91.60	50	184.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	90.00	96.20	98.10	90.20	96.60	97.40		
Cows	Cwt.	51.10	50.00	49.50	48.70	46.60	45.80		
Calves	Cwt.	130.00	142.00	143.00	123.00	134.00	132.00	53	250.00
Sheep	Cwt.	38.00	49.20		41.40	43.70			90.10
Lambs	Cwt.	89.00	98.10		99.90	108.00			223.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for November 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, November 30, 2005.

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